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SCORE POOR CONDITIONS IN LOCAL INDUSTRIES, PROMOTE HIGHER EFFICIENCY

REVIEW ACTIVITIES OF INDUSTRIAL COMBINES -- Sofia, Izgrev, 13 Feb 51

The over-all work achievements of industrial combines in 1950 were satisfactory, Together with the Artisans' Cooperatives, they have enrolled all the workers and artisans who were previously engaged in individual operations.

However, in many areas the combines have been handicapped by poor management, which is responsible for the deterioration of the equipment and the buildings. For example, in Karlovo Okoliya, the people's soviets are responsible for the poor condition of government property. Work discipline in the local industrial combines is also very lax. Nothing has been done by the management to inculcate socialist work methods and insure the proper care of machinery. The instructors and supervisors who are in charge of checking the enterprises periodically have failed to heave the proper directions.

In Karlovo city, combing and carding machines, as well as oil-extracting equipment, have not been cleaned or lubricated for a long time and now are compred with the athlich layer of dust. The gear-wheel bearings are obstructed by dry oil and glue, transmissions have twisted collars, and numerous discarded, twisted, broken, and rusty parts are hanging from the shop ceilings. The yards of the oil-extracting plant are also in a chaotic condition and have not been cleaned for a long time. The molasses plant, which stopped operations some time ago, has abandoned its equipment uncleaned and in the greatest disorder.

The same conditions prevail in other enterprises of this area. In the Bogdanovo village flour mill, which is supervised by the farm workers' cooperative, a 30-horsepower diesel motor is rusty and uncleaned. The interior of the mill is used for a hen coop. Mill No 9 in Banya, Karlovo Okoliya, has unbalanced scales and the grain cannot be weighed accurately, whereas in Mill No 8, 1,500 kilograms of grain have been stored without being recorded. Flax-Hacking Installation No 6 in Banya village has not been cleaned for a long time and therefore is not working properly, but the responsibility for this neglect could not be established. Waste material in the enterprises is not collected and put to proper use, but is scattered throughout the shops and left on the floors.

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The Plovdiv Okrug people's soviet limits itself to reporting all these short-comings, without suggesting any measures for their elimination. It is therefore urgent to establish strict party and trade union controls in every local industrial combine or enterprise.

CRITICIZE SMALL BAKERIES -- Sofia, Izgrev, 14 Feb 51

In spite of the law establishing regulations for bread manufacture, a great number of small, unsanitary, and unprofitable bakeries are still continuing operations. Decree No 13 of 25 May 1949, issued by the Council of Ministers, commissioned the Ministry of Municipal Economy, the State Control Commission, and the people's soviets to prepare a joint program for bread manufacture under the Five-Year Plan. Under that program the 1,841 small baking enterprises throughout the country have been merged into 856 larger bakeries. In addition, 362 bakery stores have been opened for the sale of bread. The merging program has meant savings of 35-40 percent in the use of fuel, put a stop to the waste of flour, and eliminated the too old and too young groups among the workers. It has also brought more sanitary conditions and higher-quality of bread, improved working conditions, introduced political education, etc.

At present, a new type of enterprise is being introduced, consisting of a combined bakery, bathhouse, laundry, fruit-dehydrating plant, and canning enterprise. The campaign to improve, mechanize, and modernize bread manufacture will be continued and labor productivity increased. So far, a single worker produces 210-250 kilograms of bread, whereas in the USSR one worker makes 1,000-1,200 kilograms.

IMPROVE PORCELAIN MANUFACTURE -- Sofia, Trud, 12 Feb 51

The manufacture of insulators in the Izida state ceramics plant (Kurilo, Sofia Okoliya) has been improved, and the number of defective products in January 1951 was 6 percent below the figure of January 1950. The quality of Raschig rings delivered to the Stalin Fertilizer Plant is also steadily improving. The poorest manufacture at present is in the tile plant, where defects in January ran from 10 to 15 percent.

Cost-reduction plans are expected to save 30 million leva in 1951. In addition, a commission has been established to advance the completion of the yearly plan to 11 months. So far, the highest plan fulfillment has been reached in the tubular, oven, press, and wheel departments, whereas the best quality of production has been demonstrated in the shaping of insulators, with only 2 percent of defects.

SAWMILL OPERATORS PLEDGE TO SPEED OPERATIONS -- Sofia, Trud, 12 Feb 51

At the national convention of operators of the woodworking and lumber industry held recently in Velingrad, leaders of the Forest Industry State Enterprise and the forestry and woodworking trade union emphasized the need for activating and mobilizing all the resources of the industry. Frame-saw operators pledged to follow the example of Soviet sawyers and introduce high-speed operations, using 10-millimeter blades. They further pledged to use 12 millimeter blades for softwoods and 8-millimeter blades for hardwoods.

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